

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor those citizens in the
4 State of Illinois who have shared talents with their fellow
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Doug Westphal,
7 owner of Westphal Jewelers in Bradley, was recently named the
8 Businessperson of the Year at the annual Bradley-Bourbonnais
9 Chamber of Commerce banquet; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Westphal's father, John, opened the family
11 store on Broadway in Bradley in 1970; Doug Westphal graduated
12 from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and studied at
13 the Geological Institute and Gem City College; he bought the
14 business from his father and is training his son Darrin for a
15 third generation in the jewelry business; and

16 WHEREAS, A four-time winner of the Illinois Jewelers
17 Association design competition, Mr. Westphal designed and
18 created the crowns for the homecoming king and queen at
19 Kankakee Community College; his most moving creations are his
20 angel pins donated to Hospice of Kankakee Valley each
21 Christmas, which he designs for Hospice and are auctioned off
22 at a charity benefit; this tradition started when his Aunt
23 Wanda Henry died of breast cancer and he named the first
24 angel pin after her; each year a new angel pin is named after
25 a cancer patient; and

26 WHEREAS, In addition to Hospice, Mr. Westphal has helped
27 or been involved with the Salvation Army and the March of
28 Dimes, and has sponsored Little League Teams; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Westphal helped found the Broadway Council,
30 which grew into the Broadway Association of Commerce and
31 Industry, and eventually merged to form the current

1 Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber Commerce; and

2 WHEREAS, Doug Westphal is married to Kary Thompson and
3 their combined family includes five children and their
4 spouses: Darrin and Jodi; Scott and Dawn; Kristy; Jeff and
5 Tina; Aimee and Jim; and their grandchildren, Jacob, Jeff,
6 Leigan, and Mackenzie; therefore, be is

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Doug Westphal for being the Businessperson of
10 the Year at the annual Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of
11 Commerce banquet; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Doug Westphal as an expression of our esteem.